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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

UNDER SEAL,

Relator,  
v.

No. C09-5301 RBL

UNDER SEAL,

Defendants.

FILED UNDER SEAL



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*  
CRAIG THOMAS,

Relator,

v.

SOUND INPATIENT PHYSICIANS, INC., and  
ROBERT A. BESSLER,

Defendants.

No. C09-5301 RBL

**FILED UNDER SEAL**

**ORDER**

This matter has come before the Court on the request of the United States for a partial lifting of the seal in this action. The government seeks an order lifting the seal for the purpose of disclosing to the Defendants the existence of this case, as well as the allegations set forth in the complaint and any amended complaints. In addition, the United States requests that it be permitted, in its discretion, to provide the Defendants with a copy of the original and any amended complaints in this case, as well as any disclosure statements relating thereto; provided, however, that the United States may, in its discretion, redact Relator's identity before providing any such materials to the Defendants.

1 The Court having been fully advised in this matter,

2 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that (1) the United States, in its discretion, shall be  
3 permitted to disclose to the Defendants in this case the existence of this case, as well as the  
4 allegations set forth in the complaint and any amended complaints.

5 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that (2) the United States, in its discretion, shall be  
6 permitted to provide the Defendants with a copy of the original and any amended complaints in  
7 this case, as well as any disclosure statements relating thereto; provided, however, that the  
8 United States, in its discretion, may redact the Relator's identity before providing any such  
9 materials to the Defendants.

10 Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, the complaint and all other pleadings filed in  
11 this action shall remain under seal.

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13 DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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16 RONALD B. LEIGHTON  
17 United States District Judge

18 Presented by:

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